

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

Abstract**~~Secure Card Reader~~**

A secure card reader (1) includes several security measures. Access to the reader's main circuitry is prevented by an enclosure (9) whose walls contain embedded conductive paths (18a, 18b, and 18e). Breaking or grounding of one of these paths can be detected electronically. A similar arrangement of conductive paths prevent enlarging of a card received slot (9c). If tampering is detected using the embedded conductive paths (18a, 18b, 18e), the reader's memory (69) is wiped. The enclosure (9) has apertures (20) in its walls and is held in place by a potting material that extends into the apertures. ~~Means (31, 25)~~ A method is also provided to detect attempts to probe behind a keypad membrane (7). The contacts (42) for the chip of a chip card are arranged so that their leads all extend away from the card insertion slot.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 with the following:

Description Field of the Invention

Please add a paragraph before the paragraph on page 1, at line 7, as follows:

Background

Please add a paragraph before the paragraph on page 1, at line 15, as follows:

Summary

Please add a paragraph before the paragraph on page 4, at line 9, as follows:

Brief Description of the Drawings

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 11, as follows:

Figure 1 is a front view of a card reader module according to one embodiment of the present invention;

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Please add a paragraph before the paragraph on page 4, at line 31, as follows:

Detailed Description